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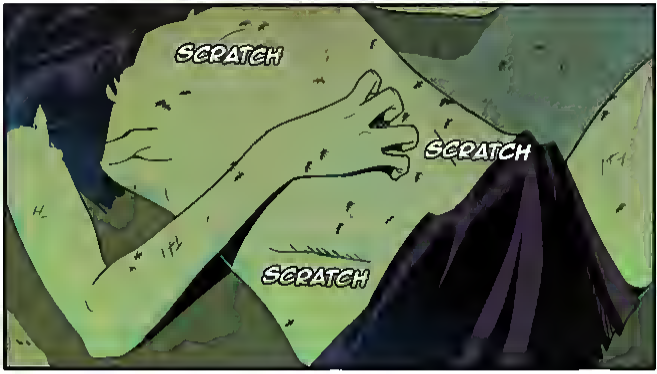
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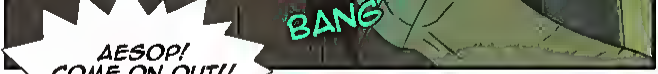
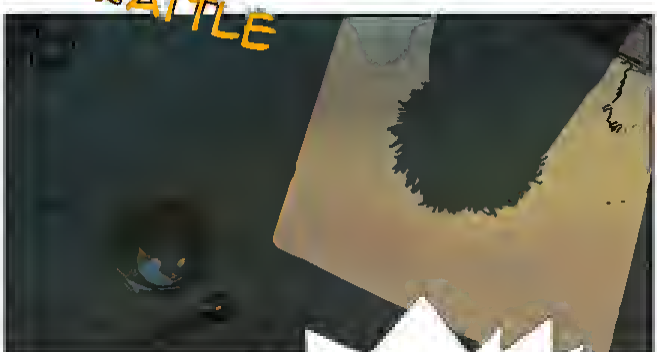
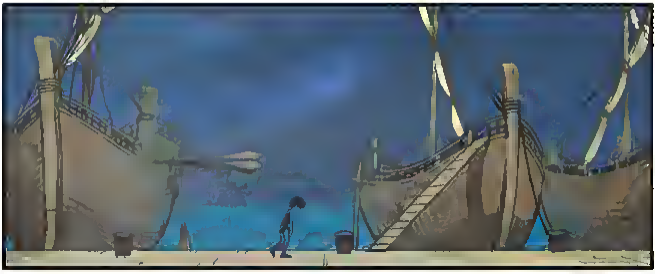


AESOP!
COME ON OUT!!



YOU LAZY BASTARD!
WAKE UP RIGHT NOW
AND CLEAN THE DECK OF
THE SHIP THAT DEPARTS
EARLY TODAY!



SQUEAK
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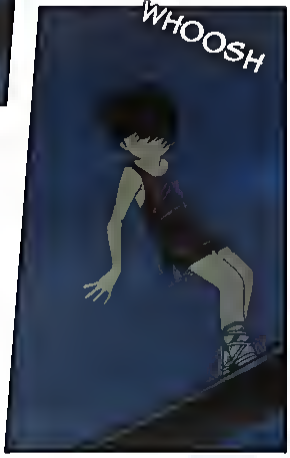
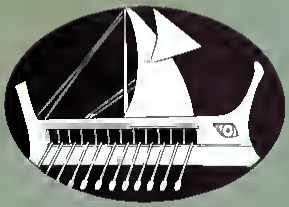

WHOOSH

STAGGER

GRAB

WHY IS EVERYONE CRAZY TO THROW THEMSELVES INTO THE SEA?

STORY/ YANGSOO KIM
DRAWING/DOGADO



EPISODE 34.

THE GREAT FAILURE (5)

S...SIR ALKANOS ...?
IT'S YOU, HUH?
PARDON..?
IS YOUR NAME "AESOP"?

YES, SIR...
I WAS GOING TO TELL THAT BOY THAT YOU'RE DOING FINE HERE.
BUT I ALMOST TOLD THE NEWS OF YOUR DEATH.

THAT BOY? WHO DO YOU MEAN...?
BRI.
DUST
DUST

IS BRI OKAY?
IS HE DOING FINE?!
TURN

HE TOLD ME THAT YOU'RE THE SAVIOR OF HIS LIFE. BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE OPPOSITE TO ME.
YOUR FACE LOOKS AS IF YOU WERE ABOUT TO DIE. BUT THERE IS SOME LIFE IN IT NOW.
SNAP
OUCH!
SO, DO YOU WANT TO LIVE NOW?

I WASN'T GOING TO DIE, SIR...

BUT YOUR FACE TELLS ME THAT LIVING IS TOO HARD AND YOU ALMOST WANT TO DIE.
.....

I HEARD THAT YOU ENDED UP BEING HERE AFTER YOU GOT CAUGHT WHILE ESCAPING. IS IT STILL HARD TO ENDURE HERE AS WELL?
.....

I JUST WANT TO BE FREE FROM SLAVERY.

YOU KNOW YOU NEED MONEY TO DO THAT, RIGHT?

USUALLY, A PORT WORKER GETS PAID 1 DRACHMA PER DAY.

AND ONE SLAVE COSTS BETWEEN 500 AND 600 DRACHMA IN THE MARKET. SO, EVEN IF YOU GET PAID YOU NEED TO SAVE MONEY FOR AROUND TWO YEARS

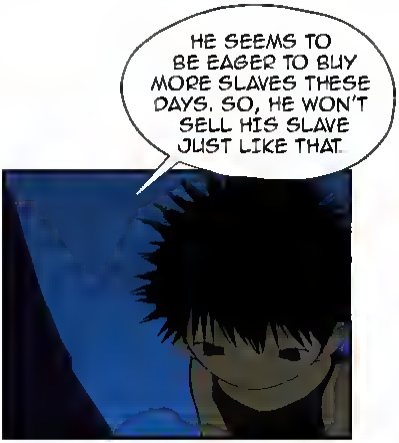
WHAT'S WORSE, YOU'RE PRIVATELY OWNED AND YOU CAN'T EVEN GET PAID SINCE YOU'RE WORKING IN PUBLIC SERVICE

CLENCH

THEN...
SIR, WHY DON'T
YOU BUY ME?
PLEASE.

HUH, I SAVED YOUR LIFE AND ARE YOU ASKING FOR YOUR BAG NOW?
SNAP

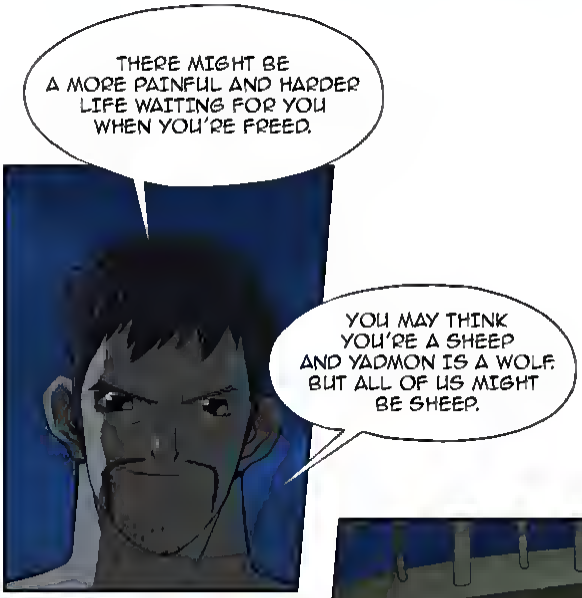
ONLY THOSE WHO NEED MONEY SELL THEIR SLAVES. TO YADMON, 500 DRACHMA MEANS NOTHING MORE THAN THE COST FOR THROWING A PARTY FOR A NIGHT.

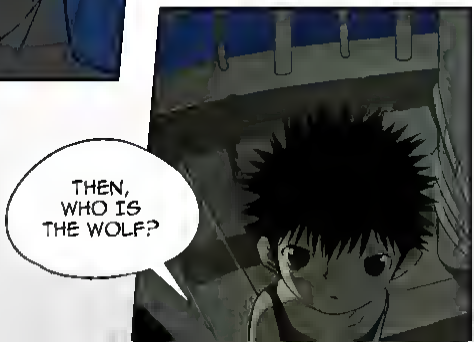

HE SEEMS TO BE EAGER TO BUY MORE SLAVES THESE DAYS. SO, HE WON'T SELL HIS SLAVE JUST LIKE THAT.

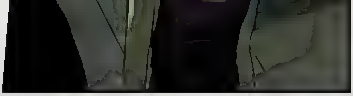
LISTEN, KID.

DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE FREE AND HAPPY IF YOU ARE FREE FROM SLAVERY?

OF COURSE, SIR,.


THERE MIGHT BE A MORE PAINFUL AND HARDER LIFE WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU'RE FREED.
YOU MAY THINK YOU'RE A SHEEP AND YADMON IS A WOLF. BUT ALL OF US MIGHT BE SHEEP.


THEN, WHO IS THE WOLF?



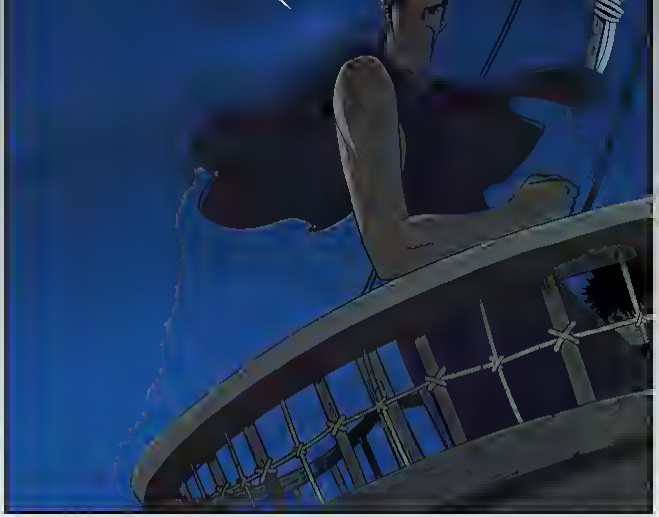
THIS WORLD

PEOPLE FEEL SENSE OF SECURITY WHEN THEY FIND OUT THAT THEIR WOLVES EAT OTHERS AND NOT THEM
IT'S THOSE COWARD SHEEP WHO MADE THIS WORLD MONSTROUS

THE WORLD ITSELF MIGHT BE A WOLF
IT IS UP TO YOU WHETHER YOU WILL FIGHT AGAINST IT OR AVOID IT

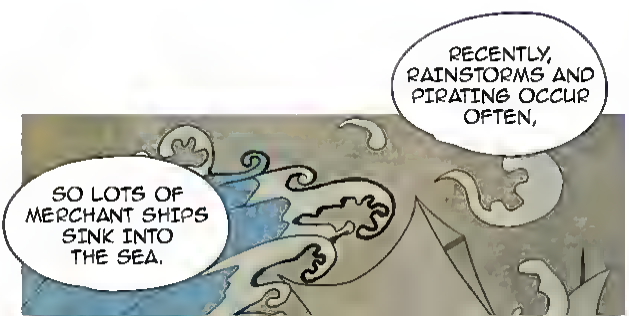
MY WOLF IS A SAVAGE ONE. IT'S THIS ROUGH SEA WHERE RAINSTORMS OCCUR AND PIRATES POP OUT...

IS IT... HARD TO FIGHT AGAINST?



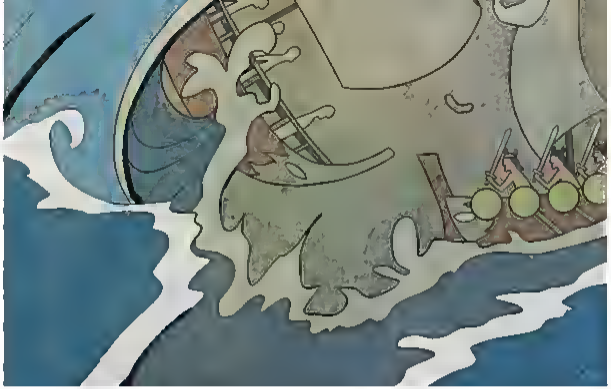
THEN,
WHAT KIND OF WOLF
ARE YOU FIGHTING
AGAINST?

SOME SHIPS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE BACK LAST NIGHT I CAME HERE TO SEE THEM COMING BACK.
YES.
BUT THEY DIDN'T COME...


RECENTLY, RAINSTORMS AND PIRATING OCCUR OFTEN,
SO LOTS OF MERCHANT SHIPS SINK INTO THE SEA.

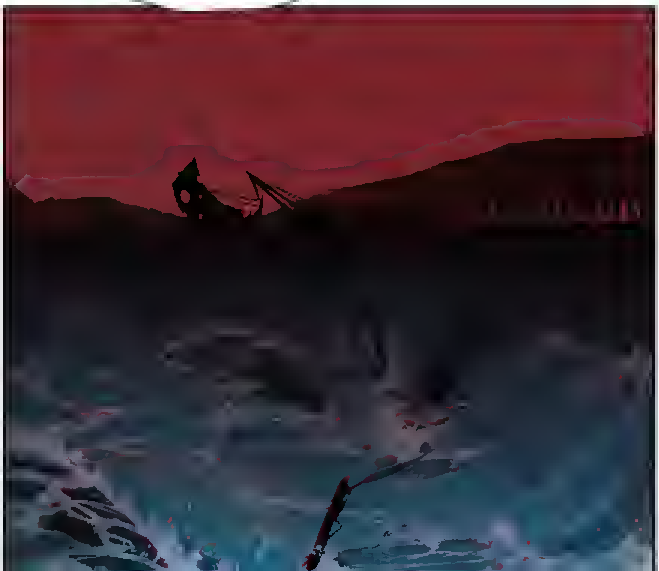
SO, THEY END UP WITH HUGE DEBTS ONCE THEIR SHIPS SINK INTO THE SEA..

IF THAT KIND OF THING REPEATS, EVENTUALLY, PEOPLE WILL GIVE UP SEA ROUTES THEY'LL ONLY USE LAND ROUTES GIVING UP MARKET EXPLOITATION.



USUALLY MERCHANTS LOAD THEIR GOODS WHICH ARE THEIR WHOLE FORTUNE TO ONE OR TWO SHIPS AND LEAVE TO ANOTHER POLIS WITH THEM

THEN, GRADUALLY PORTS WILL BE WEEDED OUT AND PHOENICIA WILL DOMINATE THE POWER OF OVERSEAS TRADING



ONCE IT HAPPENS, PHOENICIA WILL SET THE PRICE AS THEY PLEASE AND IT WILL RUIN THE ECONOMY OF ATHENS.
THAT'S WHY WE MUST GO FORWARD TOWARDS THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE.
OUR ANCESTORS RISKED THEIR LIVES FOR THE COMMERCIAL SUPREMACY OF THE AEGEAN SEA. WE CAN'T LOSE IT RECKLESSLY.

TO DO THAT,
WE NEED TO MAKE
PEOPLE BEAT THE FEAR
AGAINST THEIR WOLVES.
I MEAN THE SAVAGE SEA.
BUT I CAN'T FIND
A WAY TO DO THAT.
A WAY TO...

...BEAT FEAR?
RUMBLE